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Dear Margaret,

We arrived here about 7 o'clock  
in safety but were smothered with  
dust, I never travelled in so dusty  
a day. It sometimes fairly surrounded  
the coach so that we could scarcely  
see the road side, and we were  
literally covered with it. I put  
on my waterproof coat to protect me  
from it. But some of my fellow  
passengers were so luck with it that  
on arriving at the last stage the  
inkeeper had to bring out a  
corn broom and sweep them.

There were plenty of Rhododendrons &  
Armenian Field cherries by the road side

but I saw no flowers different  
from those we have in bloom at  
Pictou. The Prisoner was quiet, only  
talking and singing a little. He is  
quite an aristocratic looking personage  
though with a very villainous ex-  
pression. The coach was crowded  
to Penco but there we left some  
papers and got on more com-  
fortably.

I have executed all my little  
arrangements, Monroepath, and all  
and will start tomorrow morning  
for Windsor where I take the steamer  
for St Johns. This will save me  
going to Annapolis and will shorten  
my journey. The steamer is to leave

Muston at 4 o'clock to Morrow.

I have not time to say anything  
about travelling companions be - and  
must close for writing you a very good night  
and that God may bless & protect you  
all.

Your affectionate husband  
J W Dawson